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POOR BIDDING RESPONSE TO NTPC POWER PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether two major power projects of National Thermal Power Corporation received poor bidding response from the Multinational Power Companies;

(b) if so, the facts in this regard; and

(c) the manner in which the Government propose to remove the obstacle coming in the way?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF POWER

(SHRI P.R. KUMARAMANGALAM)
(a) to (c) : National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) received two bids, one from M/s Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) and the other from M/s Asia Brown Boveri (ABB) for Kawas-II and Gandhar-II Combined Cycle Power Projects. NTPC received only one bid, from M/s BHEL, for Anta-II and Auraiya-II Combined Cycle Power Projects.

Considering the vital national importance of these projects and with a view to avoid any further loss of time, NTPC was advised by the Ministry in the public interest to finalise the bids by negotiating with the bidders on the basis of a legal opinion taken from the Additional Solicitor General. However, NTPC, taking into account certain major deviations on various specifications and requirements treated both the bids as non-responsive and decided to go for rebidding after reviewing the bidding conditions and providing adequate time to the bidders for better competition and response.